

**District VI Advisory Board  
Minutes  
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**Monday  
December 7, 2009  
6:30 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center  
2700 N. Woodland  
Lounge Clubroom**

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. District VI councilwoman led the meeting with six (6) District Advisory Board members in attendance, nine (9) city staff and four (4) members of the public who signed in.

**Members Present**

Jaya Escobar  
Charlie Claycomb  
John VanWalleghen  
Bob Aldrich  
Pat Randleas  
Carol Skaff

**Members Absent**

Marsha Carr  
Scott Dunakey

**Staff Present**

Dale Goter, CMO  
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant  
Michael Holliman, Housing  
Jess McNeely, Planner  
Officer Roudebush, Patrol West  
Sgt. Bret Stull, Patrol South  
Officer Turner, Fire  
Tiffanie Johnson, Housing  
Brad Snapp, Housing

**Council Member Janet Miller** called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. welcoming everyone. **Miller** asked members to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for November 2, 2009 were approved with amendments (**VanWalleghen/Skaff 5-0**).

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted (**Aldrich/Skaff 5-0**).

**Public Agenda**

1. **Scheduled items:** No items were discussed.
2. **Off-agenda items:** No items were discussed.

\*\*\*\*\* **Action:** Provide comments/take appropriate action.

**STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

3. **Community Police Report**

**Patrol West:** *Officer Roudebush* reported there have been burglaries during the day near Central and St. Paul as burglars know residents have gifts in their homes. Please keep your homes secure. There continues to be larceny to autos because people leave their car running when they go into the Quik Trip. This happens a lot during the cold weather season. *Jerry Prichard, Indian Hills neighborhood president* asked about the cars that have auto start. Is that a problem leaving them running? *Roudebush* responded it was okay for cars to be warming up in the morning but you need to keep an eye on your vehicle.

**Patrol South:** *Sgt. Stull* reported that thefts and auto larcenies continue on 21 Beat. At this time of the year this is kind of a normal pattern that occurs. Officers are receiving special training in preparation for the opening of the new arena.

**Escobar** arrives at 6:40 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and file

#### 4. **Fire Department Report**

*Fire Officer Turner* reported there has been an increase in fires in the past month with some in District 6. With the use of Christmas trees coming up we may see an increase in fires. The department shows we have around 50,000 calls for the year.

\*\*\*\*\* **Action:** Receive and file

### **New Business**

#### 5. **City of Wichita State Legislative Agenda**

*Dale Goter, Government Relations* reviewed the state legislative agenda which reflects the ongoing concerns of the City of Wichita. The agenda is comprised of recommendations from department heads, community-wide issues from Visioneering, REAP and various other issues to monitor. *Goter* gave a handout to members showing the issues that the City of Wichita wants reviewed during the State Legislation. *Goter* commented on affordable airfares which makes money for the State and our community, the Equus Beds which will help with our water supply, funding for medical education to train rural doctors including orthopedic research and the Historic Tax Credit which is important to Wichita and the Broadview Hotel to continue downtown development. *Goter* said the state was having a shortage of funding so it wasn't sure what all would be supported for this coming year.

**Aldrich** asked who supported the affordable air fares, if it was the City or if other municipalities contributed. *Goter* responded both the City and County support the affordable air fares.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and File

### **Planning**

#### 6. **ZON2009-00035 300 W 1ST**

The District VI Advisory Board (DAB) considered a City Zone change from "LI" Limited Industrial to "CBD" Central Business District, west of Wichita street, south of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street north and north and south of 1<sup>st</sup> Street North.

The members were provided the MAPD staff report for review prior to the meeting. *Jess McNeely*, Planner presented the case background, reviewed the staff recommendation, MAPC recommendation and answered questions of members and the public.

The Board asked the following questions/comments: *Responses in italics*

- Would this be flexible for residential development? *There is nothing specific planned at present.*
- Would this bring surrounding properties in line with area zoning?
- Is this a transition of properties for CBD?

There were no members of the public to speak in favor or opposition of the request.

\*\*\*\***Action:** The District VI Advisory Board members made a motion to recommend to City Council Approval (**Aldrich/VanWalleghen 6-0**) of the zone change request based on staff recommendations.

#### 7. **Changes/Revisions to City Ordinance Governing Park Land & Facilities**

*Sharon Dickgrafe, Assistant City Attorney* presented the proposed revisions to city ordinances governing park land and facilities. *Dickgrafe* said many of the proposed changes were out of date and needed to establish the ordinances with a priority system for uses of the parks, an appeal process for the denial of a requested permit and authorize the City Council to approve the gating of a park and authorize the charging of fees/admission. The amendments further establish regulations regarding activities in specialty parks such as dog and skate parks as

well as fishing, swimming, boating, golf and archery on other park property. The Director has the ability to close parks for repairs, emergencies, and special city functions. The ordinances also prohibit the discharge of fireworks, sales and solicitations, swimming or wading in non-interactive fountains.

The Board asked the following questions/comments: *Responses in italics:*

- Who would charge for gating and admission? *The organization wanting to do this would need City Council approval, just like for River Festival.*
- I'm uncomfortable with tax payers being charged for the park to be opened and closed. *Community Police didn't feel they had any way to enforce those rules.*
- Will skateboard parks be enforced tighter? *The change allows for park and police to combine efforts in enforcement.*
- Can signage in parks have the rules/regulations posted and be coated with anti-graffiti coating. *Currently only downtown has signage like that posted.* The goal is to have signage more available and Park staff is currently looking at it.

**Aldrich** said he hoped the local prosecutors will follow the ordinances. **Claycomb** stated an ordinance was needed to make it illegal to feed wild animals. *Dickgrafe responded we don't want to feed the birds in the Riverside area, I'll have to take this back to staff.*

- What about swimming/wading? *The non-interactive fountains are not designed as water features.*

**Escobar** stated she is involved in organizations that put on events and if we as taxpayers are already paying for the use of these parks it is cost prohibitive to groups because we are charged again for using them if we want to hold special events. We have to pay for everything due to the City ordinances. **Aldrich** included the regulations make it difficult for using parks we already pay for. We want you to do this but not make it easier for you to do, like special events such as Cinco de Mayo. *Dickgrafe said there is so much variety with special events.*

*Greg Boyajian, La Placita Park neighborhood association president* asked if there would be an adequate police system to enforce these ordinances or are we just adding more regulations? *Dickgrafe responded Police will have adequate ability to enforce.*

**Aldrich** stated he still has concerns about closing the parks and charging but is in support with allowing police to enforce.

**Miller** stated she had taken notes of all the concerns and would review them with staff.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** The District VI Advisory Board members made a motion to recommend to City Council Approval to Adopt Amendments to City Ordinances governing Park Land & Recreational Facilities. (**Aldrich/Claycomb 6-0**).

## 8. Parking presentation in the downtown area

**Miller** stated that she had asked *Mandy Pankratz* to speak at her monthly breakfast which she did. *Pankratz* was also asked to speak at DAB so I think there must have been a misunderstanding. I apologize to anyone who may have come to specifically hear this item.

**Miller** asked DAB if they wanted the presentation rescheduled or has everyone heard the presentation?

**Claycomb** stated there is plenty of information on the internet about parking and with all the signage for the parking lots there shouldn't be a problem not finding parking. With the large events there will be parking at Lawrence Dumont and a shuttle to get you to the arena but there may be a charge. **Miller** asked so it's okay not to reschedule? **Aldrich** said it's been posted in the paper about arena parking and since he works downtown sometimes at night, would he have to pay to park again during an event. **Miller** responded he should take that up with the building owner. **Aldrich** asked if there were City owned properties for parking being leased to the arena. **Miller** stated we would need to contact *Mandy Pankratz* to ask. **VanWalleghen** said you could use the State office building parking as it belongs to the city. **Miller** continued saying we will need to monitor parking issues as they arise. **VanWalleghen** said what about the week long events or multiple day events when people will be

parking during the day for the event and others because they are working. **Miller** said she had taken note of the concerns.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and File.

#### 9. **Recommendations for FY 2010-2011 Funding Allocations: CDBG, HOME, ESG Funds**

*Brad Snapp, Housing* presented on the annual allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds. These funds are designated for persons whose income is 80% or less than the median income. In order to receive these funds the City is required to prepare a Five Year Consolidated Plan required by Federal process to get public input. Then each year the City is required to submit an annual spending plan which addresses the priorities identified in the five year plan. *Snapp* provided a power point presentation to show the background of the funds.

*Snapp*, said staff is soliciting input from the community, as to funding priorities for the fiscal year which starts July 1, 2010 and ends on June 30, 2011. In order to receive input City staff has prepared a worksheet to be completed by four District Advisory Boards. *Snapp* said he would ask members to provide recommendations as to whether current programs should continue to be funded and at what funding level. The recommendations from each DAB and from the public meeting will be used to develop recommendations for the City Manager and City Council.

Also assisting in the presentation were Tiffanie Johnson and Michael Holliman, Housing.

**Miller** stated there would be a deadline of 1-15-10 for submitting the info to staff.

The Board asked the following questions/comments: *Responses in italics:*

- What about the funding for clean-ups-which dollars pays for skids? *Depending on the area it can be the ESG dollars and if it is outside of the Local Investment area Public Works pays. \$50,000 doesn't go too far.*
- I'm surprised about the priority level for jobs and economic development.
- How many surveys were returned and who did you survey? *There were 200 surveys returned and we surveyed our public housing residents, DAB's and we have it on the website.*
- Seems like who ever responded wants to be more dependent instead of them doing it themselves. *These are the needs of your community.*
- What about demolition of dangerous or abandoned homes? *This can be accessed to the property.*

At this time, members were having a hard time understanding the worksheet just what it was that *Snapp* wanted their input on.

*Snapp* had asked for members to determine the funds for each category whether the dollar amount should be more or less for the upcoming five years. Members felt like they didn't have enough background to determine if each category should be given more or less dollars. Also, some of the categories received funding from other sources which causes an overlap of dollars.

**Miller** stated she was hearing all the concerns and asked members to try and think about the district at large when reviewing these categories. She then asked each member to take the time and review the CDBG feedback worksheet and send to staff their info about the funding.

**Escobar** stated maybe we are trying to over think your request but we are just trying to be responsible.

*Johnson* said we are trying to give you an overview of what we have to do as it's our responsibility to adjust the final dollar figures into each category and we wanted to get your input before we do that.

*Holliman* said he would encourage the DAB to get more people involved with this input process.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** The District VI Advisory Board provided comments for funding allocations for fiscal year 2010-2011.

10. **Nomination of Grants Review Committee Representative – District VI**

*Brad Snapp, Housing* staff explained the Grant's Review committee purpose and asked for a representative from District VI to serve on the committee.

\*\*\*\*\* **Action:** The DAB members made a motion to nominate **Marsha Carr** to serve as the representative for District VI on the Grants Review Committee. If **Carr** is not able to **Charlie Claycomb** stated he would be willing. (**VanWalleghen/Skaff 6-0**)

**Board Agenda**

11. **Problem Properties**

No problem properties were reported.

12. **Neighborhood Reports**

**Orchard Park:** received six new park benches that were installed on slabs. There is no way skate boarders can ride on them. Thanks to the City for installing them.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and file.

**Updates from the Councilmember**

**Announcements**

- Next DAB meeting will be on Monday, January 4, 2010

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**Guests**

Cindy Claycomb  
Christine Eberle  
Jerry Prichard  
Greg Boyajian

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant